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Dear Harold,

I found out what they called you about from Purdy- a report that the CIA had Oswald's diary in 1963 which turned out to be unsubstantiated.

About the date on the claim form. My paper should read "the date on the form was probably filled out by Oswald himself." Somehow that qualifier got lost between drafts. My conclusion was based on a number of things but none of them too firm. I examined all of his claim forms and noted that though the claim interviewers varied, the numbers in the box were apparently written by the same person. Recently however, I noted in a CE that it was one employee's job simply to fill in those boxes and not the claim interviewer as I had assumed. So it may turn out that Oswald did not date the form at all.

Well, there's still the Schlesinger Committee. I hope you haven't become too disenchanted with them. I don't know how much his staff knows about the case, but it seems to me that if they want a reinvestigation they ought to strike at where his case is the most vulnerable. In my humble opinion, such a place is Kennedy's back wound. They have the grounds - Burkley's verification of the face sheet was withheld from the Commission and a case could be made one of the government agencies was responsible for it. Those autopsy doctors probably wouldn't talk, but a questioning of other less interested parties who saw the back wound might yield results. These people haven't had to answer to anyone for 12 years, (except perhaps to dodge one of your fiery letters). It would only take one of them to talk or the Senate to take it.

I am considering contacting Schlesinger's staff and impressing this idea on them. Do you think my idea is too simple and naive? Is there any easier way to ~~get some results quickly~~ get some results quickly?

There are a few things I didn't get from Post Mortem, when did you first learn that the face sheet had been verified by Burkley and by what means? FOIA suit? Also I remember seeing in the Archives a report Burkley had made, also placing the wound of form there. Where in the Archives could I locate it? Which file?

I realize that you ~~have~~ already written me 3 times within the last few weeks. After this one I will leave you alone-for a while. Under the circumstances, I have enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope for you. Your help is always appreciated.

Mark

I know you are busy, so just get to it
when you can.

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